

of disapproval under § 200.226, and conditional approval, withholding of approval or disapproval by the Review Committee under § 200.228. In the case of any such adverse notice:

(a) The notice shall contain a general statement of the reasons for the determination; and

(b) The notice to the principal shall be sent by certified mail to the address shown on the certificate with a return receipt requested.

§ 200.241 Request for reconsideration of an adverse determination and request for a hearing.

(a) Where approval has been withheld, denied, or conditionally granted, the principal may request reconsideration by the Review Committee. Such request shall be made in writing, within 30 days of receipt of the notice of such action, addressed to the Review Committee. It may contain such supporting material as principal desires; or

(b) The principal may file a request for a hearing before a Hearing Officer as provided in § 200.243. Such request for a hearing shall be made in writing within 30 days from the date of receipt of the determination.

§ 200.243 Hearing rules—How and when to apply.

(a) A principal who has been disapproved, conditionally approved, or who has had approval withheld by the Review Committee, either initially or after reconsideration, or who is disapproved by the Participation Control Officer, may request a hearing before a Hearing Officer. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of 24 CFR part 26, subpart A, except as modified by this section. Requests for hearing must be made within 30 days from the date of receipt of notice of the adverse determination.

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) of this section, a principal may request an oral hearing before a hearing officer.

(2) Where a disapproval is based solely on a suspension or debarment that has been previously adjudicated, the hearing shall be limited to the opportunity to submit documentary evi-

dence and written briefs for consideration by a hearing officer.

(3) Where a disapproval is based on a suspension and an appeal is pending, the hearing shall be stayed pending the outcome of the suspension, unless the parties and the hearing officer agree that the matter should be consolidated with the suspension for hearing.

(b) Hearings and review of determination by the Hearing Officer shall be governed by the procedures contained in part 24 of this title except as modified in paragraph (a) of this section and by § 200.245.

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§ 200.245 Hearing Officer determines facts and law; Review Committee makes final administrative decision.

The Hearing Officer will determine the facts and the law relevant to the issues and will report the determination in writing to the Review Committee and to the principal. The Review Committee shall be bound by the Hearing Officer's findings of facts and law and will make a final decision based upon its application of the uniform underwriting and risk evaluation standards contained in this part. It will notify principal of the final action taken.

Subpart I—Nondiscrimination and Fair Housing

§ 200.300 Nondiscrimination and fair housing policy.

Federal Housing Administration programs shall be administered in accordance with:

(a) The nondiscrimination and fair housing requirements set forth in 24 CFR part 5; and

(b) The affirmative fair housing marketing requirements in 24 CFR part 200, subpart M and 24 CFR part 108.

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Subpart J—Equal Employment Opportunity

§ 200.400 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to assist in achieving the aims of part III of